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SUBJECT: LAPPAS AND EC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE DELEGATION
VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, JULY 20-26

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ALFONS LAPPAS, PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (ESC) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON AT 1640 HOURS JULY 20 VIA BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT 521. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE ESC OFFICIALS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GERMAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (DGB). LAPPAS' PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE EC WASHINGTON OFFICE. THEIR RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON IS THE WATERGATE HOTEL; IN NEW YORK, THE MANHATTAN HILTON. END SUMMARY.

2. INCLUDED WITH LAPPAS AS PRINCIPALS ON THE ESC DELEGATION ARE ESC VICE PRESIDENT ABERTO MASPRONE OF ITALY, REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS, AND ESC MEMBER GERARD DE VAFFARELLI OF FRANCE, REPRESENTING

THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EEC (COPA). DE CAFFARELLI REPLACES ESC VICE PRESIDENT CANONGE WHO WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY LAPPAS. DE CAFFARELLI
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IS CONSIDERED AN EXPERT ON THE EC COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

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3. ADVISERS TO THE DELEGATION ARE AS FOLLOWS: ESC GENERAL SECRETARY DELFO DELFINI; CHEF DE CABINET TO LAPPAS HELMUT RIES; ESC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER ADRIANO GRAZIOSI; AND DGB REPRESENTATIVE VOLKER JUNG. A GERMAN INTERPRETER WILL TRAVEL WITH THE GROUP.

4. THE PROGRAM ARRANGED THUS FAR BY TEC WASHINGTON DELEGATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

JULY 22 - 0930 HERBERT STEIN, ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF THE PRESIDENT;

1100 PETER G. BRENNAN, SECRETARY OF LABOR

1530 FREDERICK DENT, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

JULY 23 - 0930 DOUGLAS KENNA, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

1530 WILLIAM VAN METER, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JULY 24 - 1100 GEORGE MEANY, PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO
P.M. MEETINGS AT STATE DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN AND ENDERS (TO BE CONFIRMED)

JULY 25 - 0830 DEPART WASHINGTON

1130 MEETING WITH MAYOR OF NEW YORK ABRAHAM BEAME

1245 LUNCH WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FRANCE IN NEW YORK

JULY 26 - A.M. TOUR OF NEW YORK PORT FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON WITH EC MEMBER STATE CONSULS GENERAL

1945 DEPART NEW YORK FOR BRUSSELS

5. COMMENT: LAPPAS VIEWS THIS TRIP AS A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS TRIP UNCLASSIFIED

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TO WASHINGTON LAST YEAR WHICH LED TO MEANINGFUL EXCHANGES AND CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE ESC AND PRIVATE U.S. INSTITUTIONS. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, LAPPAS HAS BEEN A KEY FIGURE IN FOSTERING CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DGB AND AFL-CIO, WHICH HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS WITH MEANY. IT IS ALSO PART OF LAPPAS' EFFORT TO MAKE THE ESC INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN DURING HIS TWO-YEAR TERM AS ESC PRESIDENT WHICH TERMINATES NEXT MONTH. LAPPAS HAS VISITED WITH THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN EACH OF THE NINE EC

MEMBER STATES AND HAS VISITED COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND ASIA,
INCLUDING JAPAN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS ESC PRESIDENT ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE, US-EC RELATIONS, AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MATTERS WILL LIKELY BE THE PRINCIPAL
TOPICS OF LAPPAS' DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.
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